ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cherokee Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

FORT PAYNE CHURCH, DeKALB COUNTY, ALA.,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 13TH, 1896.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Elder J. B. APPLETON, Moderator, Collinsville, Ala.
C. C. DAVIS, - - Clerk, - Collinsville, Ala.

Next Meeting to be held with Pleasant Valley Church, Five Miles South of Collinsville, Commencing on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1897. Postoffice, Collinsville, Ala.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Education—D. M. Burges, W. H. Lackey, Stella.

Literature—E. M. Waller, J. J. Clayton, Sand Mountain.

Temperance—J. G. Denton, Luna; P. C. Chitwood, Thirty-Nine.

Foreign Missions—S. C. Richards, Guest; E. Crawford, Luttrell.

Home Missions—C. J. Crump, Wills; L. Chambers, Rains.

State Missions—W. S. Reed, J. L. Reeves, Collinsville.

Sabbath Schools—C. C. Davis, A. B. Tidmore, Collinsville.

Finance, at this meeting—J. W. Lackey, J. V. Cash, W. B. Petty.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Reading Letters from the Churches.
2 Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3 Call for petitionary letters.
4 Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5 Election of officers.
6 Call for correspondence.
7 Appoint committees.
8 Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9 Report of committees.
10 Report of special committees.
11 Miscellaneous business.
12 Read and correct the minutes.
13 Read and correct the roll of members.
14 Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

Standing Resolution—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Cherokee Baptist Association met with Fort Payne Church, DeKalb county, Ala., October 13th, 1896.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E Crawford, at 11 a. m. Text 3rd John and latter clause of 8th verse, followed by Elder J L Pace.

At 1 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Read 90th Psalm, and prayer by the Moderator, J B Appleton.

Appointed Brethren C S Johnson and C J Crump to read letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E Crawford, D H Bearden; Beulah—G R Storie; Black Creek—W H Logan, George Corley, W S Bonds; Buron—J T Mitchel, W J Vaughn; Corrinth—M A Cook; Collinsville—J B Appleton, W S Reed, W B Petty, J L Reeves, C C Davis; Friendship—B D Ward, J H Reynolds, Robt Harris; Flat Rock—J G Denton, P C Chitwood, S D Denton, E J Corley; Fort Payne—J P Stanley, H J Hammock; Gravel Hill—D D Hughes, W F Bruce, J A Garrett; Cedar Hill—letter, no delegates; Liberty Hill—F C Cook, James Smith; Kyuka—J H Hanie, G H Amos; Mt Pleasant—S C Richards, W L Murdock, J B Hamrie; Mt Zion No 1—C Y Culberson; Mt Zion No 2—H A Morris; Mt Flat—W H Hearn, J V Cash; Macedonia—J W Croley, J C Martin, E M Stone; Mt Vernon—D M Burges, Lee Glazner, J W Lackey, A L Jackson; New Hope—C C Clayton, J J Clayton, E M Wallller, J W Jones; New Canaan—J R Nix, J D Burns, W W Cooper, W N Smith; New Home—J R Stephens, Robt Roe; New Harmony—T L Mann, J A Smith; Oak Grove—J F Parker; Pleasant Valley—M P Brock, H M Gray; Providence No 1—D C Pace; Providence No 2—J S Bailey; Pleasant Hill—G W Ingram; Shiloah—J L Pace; Shady Grove—G N Cleland; Tennessee Valley—J P Marshall; Unity—G C Moore, John Pitts; Union Grove No 1—T H Carlyle, L T M Trayler; Union Grove No 2—Letter, no delegates; Hopewell—D M Stott, W R Chamble; Mt Tabor—J N Fincher, E B Brown.

By motion dispensed with the reading of the By Laws and Constitution. Called for petitionary letters and received letter and delegates from Hopewell church. By motion taken up letter of Mt Tabor church that was tabled at last meeting and received the church into fellowship with the body. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us. By motion reelected Elder J B Appleton Moderator and C C Davis Clerk.

Called for correspondents and received from Etowah Associations, Elders G E Jones, W L Culberson; Cedar Bluff Association, J C C Sims, T W Riceanheart, J T Pledger; from Coosa River Association, C S Johnson. Received Elder A E Burns as

evangelist of North Alabama and representative of the State Board of Missions. Appointed devotional committee: E M Stone, J V Cash, Lee Glazener and officers of the church.

Fixed time and place of next meeting. Agreed to meet with Pleasant Valley church, five miles south of Collinsville, on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1897.

By motion adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow morning after prayer by Eld J J Clayton. Preaching at the church at night by Eld W L Culberson. Text: Exodus 10 chapter, 26 verse. "There shall not be a huff left behind."

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Eld E Crawford. Read report on literature and adopted the report. Talks made by E Crawford, A E Burns, G E Jones J O C Sims. Read report on Education and adopted it, after talks by Elders C S Johnson and J J Clayton.

Read reports on foreign, home and state missions. Adjourned for preaching 11 a. m. The Brethren that were appointed to preach the missionary sermon, at last meeting, being absent, Eld A E Burns, by request preached the sermon. Text: 4th chapter, 14th verse of Judges. Public collection, $13 28.

1:30 p. m.—Read and adopted report on Sabbath schools, after talks by J B Hamric, E M Waller, G E Jones, S C Richards, C S Johnson, D M Burges, J J Clayton.

Eld A E Burns made a telling speech on missions. The Association agreed to try to raise $100 for the State Board of Missions. Donated public collections to state missions. Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow, after prayer by A E Burns. At night read and adopted report on temperance, after telling speech by C S Johnson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Read 122 Psalm. Prayer by Eld G E Jones. Call for reports of special committees. Appointed D C Pace, J C Martin, G C Moore to select Brethren to preach the introductory and missionary sermons at next meeting and they reported Eld J L Pace to preach the introductory and Eld S C Richards alternate. Missionary sermon by Eld E M Waller and Eld E Crawford alternate.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations: to Cedar Bluff, J G Denton, D M Burges, Lee Glazener; Etowah, C C Davis, J B Appleton, J N Fincher, J L Pace, S C Richards, D M Burges; to Marshall Asssociation, E M Waller, W H Hearn.

Received and adopted report of finance committee. Appointed delegates to State Board of Missions which meets at Huntsville on Friday before the second Sunday in November 1896: E M Waller, E Crawford, J B Appleton, J L Pace, C C Davis, B D Ward, J G Denton.

Statement of the executive committee. They did not employ a man this year for want of money to pay him. By a mo-

tion, agreed to put out a colporter and missionary in this association, and he to be supported by the profits on his literature and the volunteer contributions of the churches. Elected Eld S C Richards to work as colporter and missionary. We recommend him to the Board of Publication societies of our denomination. Elected J B Appleton as delegate to the Southern Baptist convention which meets at Wilmington, N. C., embracing the 2nd Sunday in May, 1897. C C Davis, Alternate.

The association agreed to settle with Bro S C Richards for his services last year. On settlement found we were due him $35.75. Instructed the clerk to use the money on hand for state missions to pay S C Richard and taken up a special collection to make up the amount and received $3.81.

Prayer offered by C Y Culberson. Agreed to discotninue the executive committee.

Resolved, That we, the Cherokee Baptist Association agree to lend our sympathy and support to the Sabbath School convention, and that we, as messengers to the same do obligate ourselves to exert our energies to work up and maintain an evergreen Sunday school in each of our churches and send a representative to the next convention that meets at Lathamville with New Hope church on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1897.

The clerk is to give notice of the appointment of S C Richards to the book repositories.

Allowed the clerk ten dollars for his services and the balance of the minute fund to be used for printing and distributing the minutes.

Resolutions of thanks were offered to the churches and citizens of Fort Payne for their kind hospitality while with them. Adjourned after taking the parting hand and prayer by Eld J G Denton.

Eld. J. B. Appleton, Moderator.

C. C. Davis, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rec'd from Finance committee		Paid to A. E. Burns for the Board of Missions	
For minutes	$ 28 62	For Foreign Missions	$ 69 36
" State Missions	17 96	" J A Diaz	1 05
" J A Diaz	1 05	" Home Missioms	4 90
" Foreign Missions	69 36	" Orphans Home	6 10
" Home Missions	4 90	" Indigent Ministers	25
Public collection		" Ministerial education	2 00
" State Missions	13 28	Paid to S C. Richards for State Mission in Asso.	35 75
Special collection		" to Clerk	10 00
" S C Richards	3 81	Paid for Printing and distributing minutes.	18 62
" Orphans Home	6 10		
" Indigent Ministers	25		
" Ministerial Education	2 00		
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C. C. DAVIS, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We find by examining the report of the Baptist State Board of Missions for the year ending November 13, 1895, that they are obeying the Devine commission to go into all the world and

preach the gospel beginning at Jerulsalem. They have had 42 men employed, 14 were missionary colporters: Days of services 6,290, miles 41,340, sermons delivered 3,088, addresses 1,715, churches constituted six, number of persons baptized 495; money collected for meeting houses $494 95, for all missions $1,996 88, for ministerial education $40.10, for orphans home $109.80; number of books sold 928, value of same $561.42 and did many other good things by visiting families, distributing tracts, donating Bibles and Testaments. Brethren we should be encouraged and continue to help in this grand cause for our Great Redeemer. C. C. Davis, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of Home Missions under the devine blessings has grown into proportions gratifying to our people and promising us the happiest results in the future. During the last five years the number of missionaries has averaged about 400. The results of their labors have been most inspiring in that time: they have baptized more 20,000 believers, constituted more than a thousand churches, organized twice that numbers of Sunday schools and erected over 500 houses of worship on their field of labor. The board is now in need of help, our contributions have not been sufficient to enable them to pay the salaries of our missionaries and they need every dollar of the meagre sums they promised them to procure the necessaries of life. We ask that next year we pay 20 cents per member for mission purposes. Ask great things, do great things and expect great things from the Lord. D. M. Burges.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We realize our incompetency to do this subject justice and can only say the information we have on the subject is reasonably favorable: In Italy the mission was begun in 1870 and Bro. Taylor, Bro. and Sister Eager are the only missionaries for this country. They have 14 native ordained preachers to assist them, 21 churches, 56 out stations, 79 have been baptized during the year. In Brazil we have five missionaries and their wives whose labors have been blessed and the total number of baptisms on the Brazilian field for the year was 273. Mexico—there are on this field 8 male missionaries, 11 ladies and 6 ordained Mexicans or natives, progressing as best they can having to encounter bitter opposition. In Africa we have four missionaries, three with their wives and some native assistants. Their chief occupation is preaching from house to house: one church however reasonably prosperous. China is divided into three fields, all of which report reasonably favorable. In Japan, the youngest of the foreign mission fields, is reported in fare condition and a hopeful work in progress. Brethren, considering the opposition in its varied forms in all the fields where we have work established as missionaries, we have reason to thank God, take courage and press on. The great commandment is to go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and lo, I am with thee always, even unto the end of the world. We feel brethren this with other kindred scriptures is enough to encourage us. If we but trust him success he insures and for this purpose his plan is plain and simple. He has given the church a successive living christian ministry. The church and ministry are in the commission: instructed to co-operate in extending the gospel. The church with her means and the ministry to go and proclaim salvation through Christ. The question is often asked; how shall we raise money to meet the demands? We answer

never make contracts in advance: receive the amount sent up by the church for that purpose and base all contracts accordingly, this idea we think to be logical and much the safest and still better authority it is biblical. Let every one lay by him in store on the first day of the week as God may prosper that there be no gatherings when I come. Brethren your committee calls attention to this subject. Come let us cancel our system of contracting in advence. The amount of money expended in mission work on our present system would do a far better work on the plan suggested herein.

J. G. Denton and Jesse Garrett.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg to report the following: It is a fact attested by the experience of men that the books we read in boyhood and girlhood, the literature which we are devoted to in early manhood influences and largely shape the characters we are building for the future. If we are devoted to the fleeting, exciting and corrupting literature that abounds we shall not escape its hurtful influences. If on the other hand in our efforts to acquire an education we delight in those books whose sentiments are pure and elevating. If we read and seek to read and comprehend works of literature that ennoble our nature, the thoughts which they breathe and the sentiments which they embody will appear in the character we are building for mature years and will crown its completion with acquirements that are useful and sentiments that are exalted. In view of these facts your committee beg to empathize the importance of careful and wise selections of the literature of the household. Above all we commend the study of the sacred scriptures as the great text book. We should strive to have our children familiar with the devine word, whose sacred lessons tend only elevate, make pure in heart and fit us for eternity, besides we should not neglect the study of religious literature. A Baptist cannot afford to be without some good pure sound denominational paper as a potent means for education. Among other opportunities offered by our denomination in the state we gladly refer to Howard College for our young ministers who desire a more thorough knowledge of the Bible and to learn how to show themselves approved unto good workmen that need not to be ashamed but strong and efficient in the masters cause. For our girls we recommend Judson Institute at Marion, Ala. From such information as we have been able to get it is managed by an able consecrated faculty not easily excelled.

E. M. Waller, Chairman.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Your committee on Literature submit the following: We do now as in the past remember the Bible first of all literature for it is the source and fountain from whence all sound literature gets its origin, for it is the inspired word of God, the only safe and sure guide for the human race to lead them to the everlasting fountain, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the sinners friend. We recommend the following Baptist organs towit: The Alabama Baptist, Montgomery; the Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.; Texas Baptist Standard, Waco, Tex.; American Baptist Flag, St. Louis; also State Mission Journal and Foreign Mission Journal published in Richmond, Va.; for Sabbath School we recommend Kind Words by Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. For denominational books the Book Depository, Montgomery, Ala., and Baptist Mission Room, Lexington street, Baltimore, Md.

J. L. Pace, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We believe that the Sabbath School question is one of the most im-

portant questions that we have for Christ is our great exampler and we learn that he taught the people on the Sabbath in their synagogues in many places—Luke 4,16, Matt. 13,54, John 8, 2, Luke 13, 10, and that teaching a teacher selected by the church and that it should be one that is able to teach doctrine that is taught in the scriptures for there is some kind of doctrine that is important that we teach and contend earnestly for the faith for the rising generation is our hope of the purity of the church and next to the Bible. As helps we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention literature. E. J. Bobo, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance beg to submit the following: That is temperance is gaining ground, but we have some members that slip behind the door or in the dark to drink a little because their deeds are evil, and that temperance is gaining ground in our nation for we have the privilege to vote for a National Prohibition Ticket and have electors in this state and we recommend it and ask all ministers of all denominations to aid in this work, for strong drink is raging, wine is a mocker, and whosever is deceived thereby is not wise. It cost the United States $13.58 per capita for every man, woman and child.

D. M. Burges and W. H. Hearn, Committee.

Ordained Ministers and their P. O.—J J Clayton, Sand Mountain: E M Waller, Crossville: W H Hearn, Rodentown: E P Buroughs, Geraldine: S C Richards, Guest: A N Mince, Yancy: J T Chadwick, Meltonsville: J R Nix, Whiton: John Pitts, V M Stone, E C Stone, Mahan: E Crawford, Luttrell: M C Dean, Mahan: J L Pace, Guest: J S Horton and J H Horton, Duck Springs: J G Denton, Luna: N F Adams, Lay: G W Ingram, Tip: J C Morris, Loveless: J B Appleton, T J Lankford, Collinsville: L Chambers, Rains: D M Burges and W H Lackey, Stella.

Licentiates Ministers and P. O.—W C D Hendon, Whiton: W F Smith, Rogers: J J Dodd, McVille: P H Carlyle, G R Thackerson, R A Thackerson, Mahan: A A Sanders, Tabor: W J Taylor, Ten Broeck: P C Chitwood, Thirty-Nine: C J Crump, Wills: T P Morris, Loveless: W D Bishop, Collinsville.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members in their respective churches—of those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty, and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. Each church shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith, and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any such shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concers, but shall aid them in any consistant manner. The association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session, and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privliege to hold affectionate correspondence with other associations,and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistant efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteratian shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practic, hereinafter set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the Minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before

the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion; which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subjects, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All pesonal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer each succeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Article 1 We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost: and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2 We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man named Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed ever more.—John 1, 14; 1st Timothy 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

3 That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Timonthy 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4 That the law and testimony, as set fourth in the scriptures, is the

only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their spiritual concerns and in their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8, 20.

5 That Adam the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5, 12, 19.

6 That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmeited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5, 19; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7 That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1, 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus 3, 5.

8 That God works all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father given to Christ shall come to him and he will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, and shall never perish: become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear with him in Glory.—Ephesians 1:2; Acts 15:18; John 6:30, 10:28-29: Col. 3:3-4.

9 We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15: Titus 3, 14

10 That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and price.—Isaiah, 1, 18, 55; John 3, 16.

11 That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal. Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20,12,13; Matthew 25,30, and to the end.

12 That God has instituted a church on the earth, exhisting in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matthew 18, 18: Corinthians 1, 2: Ephesians 1, 2; Romans 6, 3, 4: Colos. 2:12; 2 Cor. 8:5; Acts 1:14, 21:41-47.

13 That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns of judging of the qualifications of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of chosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Mat. 14, 28: 2 Thes. 2, 11: 1 Cor. 14, 29, 21: Acts 14, 23. (see original) Phil 1, 15.

14 That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1 Timothy 3.

15 That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of faith in Christ.—Mat. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16: John 4, 1, 2: Acts 2, 41; Acts 8, 12, 37, 38; Acts 10, 47, 48: Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16 That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he comes the second time.—Mat. 16:28; 27:26: Acts 2:42: 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23 27.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF
CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
FOR THE YEAR, 1896.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.							Minutes.	Salary.	Pastor's	Value of Church Building.
	State. Cash.	State. Vouch.	Home. Cash.	Home. Vouch.	Foreign Cash.	Vouch. Cash.					
Antioch		1 50	2 75	1 05				50			200
Beulah				1 07	2 65	1 25		60			200
Black Creek					3 50			1 15	15	82	
Buron					2 00			30	13	50	
Corrinth	25				25			75			500
Collinsville	1 00	8 02		6 00		3 00		2 20	150	00	1 000
Cedar Hill					1 21			20	2	25	50
Friendship	1 00	6 35	1 40	2 25	2 00	2 05		80			
Flat Rock					4 00			1 00			350
Fort Payne		5 15						2 70			350
Gravel Hill				5 50		9 30		85	57	70	
Hopewell						3 75		60			
Liberty Hill	3 30							90	10	00	500
Kyuka	1 40							81	15	10	300
Mount Pleasant	2 75	2 50						65			200
Mount Zion, No 1	2 00	3 00						1 00			500
Mount Zion, No 2	1 20							65	6	95	150
Mount Vernon			3 25	3 70	3 25	3 75		1 25	36	00	500
Mount Flat	1 25				1 25			1 00			
Macedonia		8 25						80	15	70	200
Mount Tabor	25		1 05		1 62	87		70			
New Harmony		2 40				1 50		60			
New Hope						5 85		1 50			250
New Canaan						8 35		80			
New Home						6 55		60			
Oak Grove					1 20	2 35		30			
Pleasant Hill	1 00				1 10			50			300
Pleasant Valley		65						75			
Providence, No 1	1 00							50			250
Providence, No 2	1 00				1 00			25			
Shiloh	60					1 50		50			
Shady Grove			25		50			45			100
Tennessee Valley	1 80							40			
Unity		2 30			2 50	1 00		40			
Union Grove, No 1								75			
Union Grove, No 2		3 62						80			
	$19 80	$49 74	$ 8 70	$19 47	$28 03	$51 07		$28 62	$32	302	$6 200

For church building not at home, Vouchers $4: Indigent ministers $2.25; Ministerial Education, $2; Howard College, vouchers, $7.62; Incidential, $1.10; Orphan's Home, $7.97; Gravel Hill repairs on church, $13.25.

STATISTICS OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	Rec'd by bapt'm	Rec'd by letter	Rec'd by restor'n	Dec'd by letter	Dec'd by excl's'n	Dec'd by erasure	Dec'd by death	Pr's't m'b'rship	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Off. & Tch'rs.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pupils	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Superintendent's name.	Prchg. Stations.
Antioch	DeKalb	E. Crawford.	J M Abercrombie	Luttrell	40	1			3			1	37				3
Beulah	"	E. Crawford.	W J Milirons	Ten Broeck	63		2			1			66	3	74	M Little	1
Black Creek	Etowah	G. E. Jones.	W S Bonds	Tabor	86	9	8		4			1	89				4
Buron	DeKalb	J. L. Pace.	N B Moore	Blake	15	3	2		2			1	17				3
Corrinth	Jackson	S. C. Richards	M A Cook	Talley	33	1	2		2	2			32				1
Collinsville	DeKalb	C. S. Johnson	W S Reed	Collinsville	140	17	19	4	12	1	11		156	8	100	C C Davis	3
Friendship	"	E. M. Waller	W T Glover	Dawson	102	1	15		15	4			99				1
Cedar Hill	Etowah	A. A. Sanders	G M Richard	Tabor	23								12				
Flat Rock	DeKalb	J. G. Denton.	T M Corley	Guest	81		2	2		2			79				2
Fort Payne	"	C. S. Johnson	J P Stanley.	Fort Payne	82	2	7	1	8	1			83	6	40	J P Stanley	2
Gravel Hill	"	J. B. Appleton	D D Hughes	Lebanon	55	5						2	58				4
Hopewell	"	J. L. Pace.	W R Chamble	Whiton		8	6						48				4
Liberty Hill	"	J. S. Horton.	A B Tidmore	Collinsville	86	1	5		8			2	82				3
Kyuka	"	M. F. Owen.	J H Haynie	Duck Springs	72	14		3	9	2		2	76	6	45	S T Cothran	3
Mount Pleasant	DeKalb	E. M. Waller.	Stephen Hall	Gad	66	10	4	1	15	5		1	52	7	57	W L Murdock	3
Mount Zion, No 1	"	C. T. Roach.	C Y Culberson	Valley Head	44								44				1
Mount Zion, No 2	Cherokee	J. O. C. Sims.	A M Studdard	Stella	51	7	8	1	6				61	8	170	J N McClung	2
Mount Vernon	DeKalb	D. M. Burges	J V Glazener	Stella	170	2	5	1	23	2			153	8	30	J M Warren	3
Mount Flat	"	W. H. Hearn.	J M Cash	Rodentown	92	7	5	1	4	1	2	1	98	5	50	J V Cash	1
Macedonia	"	J. L. Pace.	W A Ellenburgh	Geraldine	110	1			11			3	96	6	22	J W Croley	1
Mount Tabor	"	E. Crawford.	I M Presley	Floy	40	1	2		2				41	6	30	I M Presley	4
New Harmony	"	E. M. Waller.	T L Mann	Jink	86		28						55				2
New Hope	"	M. F. Owen.	E L Waller.	Crossville	117	13	8	1	16	5		3	115				3
New Canaan	"	J. R. Nix	A O Mayfield	Whiton	60	14	6		5	4			70				3
New Home	"	L. Chambers.	M A Williams	Rains	58				6	1		2	49				3
Oak Grove	"	S. C. Richards	J F Parker	Hardin	12								12				2
Pleasant Hill	Jackson	E. Crawford.	W J Wigington.	Callahan	33	1			2				31	6	34	W N Plaster	2
Pleasant Valley	Cherokee	J. B. Appleton	A K Bobo	Leonard	108	12	6		3	4	6	2	112				1
Providence, No 1	DeKalb	J. S. Horton.	R L Waldrop	Chumley	74				15				59				1
Providence, No 2	Marshall	J T Chadwick	J S Baily	Peters	22	1			1				21				2
Shiloh	DeKalb	E Stone	A. C. Dickson	Black Oak	23				1				21				4
Shady Grove	"	J. O. C. Sims.	G N Cleland.	Collinsville	27		3		1	2			27				1
Tennessee Valley	Marshall	J T Chadwick	M H Slaton	Meltonsville	54	6	2		1	2		1	60				2
Unity	DeKalb	L. B. Irwin.	W H Summerour	Mahan	81		4		7	19		1	49				
Union Grove, No 1	"	M. C. Dean.	T H P Thackers'n	Callahan	28	1	13		1				41				
Union Grove, No 2	"	L. Chambers.	A L Clayton	Crossville	35	7	17		2			1	57				
				Total	2215	145	179	15	188	46	19	24	2358	63	762		